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LOGICAL OBSERVATION PROGRAM

REF: (A) MEXICO 179, (B) STATE 10477, (C) MEXICO 2944,
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1. CHANGE IN TEXT OF MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT WE PROPOSED PARA 3 REFTEL A AND DEPT/NOAA APPROVED (REFTEL B) RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY DID NOT MEET WITH INSTANTANEOUS APPROVAL AT MET SERVICE.
2. RE TITLE OF MEXICAN COOPERATING AGENCY, MET SERVICE WOULD WISH THIS TO READ "DIRECCION GENERAL DEL SERVICIO METEOROLOGICO NACIONAL" (DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE).
3. MET SERVICE SUGGESTED THAT THE "SCHEDULE" OF STATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS NOT INCLUDE GUADALAJARA, MANZANILLO AND SOCORRO ISLAND SINCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PROPOSED

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"(RWS)" FOOTNOTE, THESE WERE "NOT A PART OF THIS MEMORANDUM." WHEN WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH MET SERVICE (AGUILAR) HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD OVERLOOKED FACT THAT SOCORRO ALSO HAD A "P" OBSERVATION UNDER THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. WHEN WE OPINED THAT NOAA WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THIS COUNTER-PROPOSAL, SINCE IN FACT NOAA DID PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT TO THOSE STATIONS (EVEN WHEN WMO-VAP AGREEMENTS

LAPSED), AGUILAR STATED THAT HE WOULD PERHAPS RELENT IF NOAA WOULD WRITE HIM AND EXPLAIN ITS REASONING (BUDGETING, PERHAPS) FOR INCLUSION OF THESE STATIONS UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: NOAA HQ SHOULD REVIEW THIS MATTER AND DECIDE IF IT HAS GOOD REASON TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF THE "(RWS)" STATIONS IN THE AGREEMENT AND IF IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE WORDING FOR THE "(RWS)" FOOTNOTE TO MORE PROPERLY EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUPPORT UNDER WMO-VAP AND THAT UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT. NOAA'S POSITION COULD BE EXPRESSED IN A LETTER TO CAPT AGUILAR SENT VIA NWS TECH REP HERE.

5. EMBASSY PREPARED TO FOLLOW-UP AS APPROPRIATE AND ARRANGE ADDITIONAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES ONCE MET SERVICE AND NOAA HAVE AGREED UPON LANGUAGE OF REVISIONS TO MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT. THOMPSON

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